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1. Following air strikes on 11 and 12 May 1950 by F-51s of the Philippine Air Force (PAF) against previously known installations of the Hukbong Mapagpalaya Ng Bayan (HMB) near Montalban along the Bulacan - Rizal boundary,* the area of Sitio Botarero was patrolled by Philippine Army units on 12 May 1950 and was found to be abandoned. There were indications that the area had been in use as an HMB base until recently.
2. Small camouflaged platforms, apparently used as observation posts, were discovered in mango trees in the area. No supplies, arms, ammunition, or documents were found in the vicinity of the thirteen huts grouped in the remote area. One of the huts had been set afire by the PAF strafing.
3. Civilians living nearby declared that the site was used by HMB units as a bivouac area on the route to an HMB hideout at Mt. Balabac. HMB units had also returned to the area immediately after raids on Montalban, San Mateo, and other nearby towns in April 1950.
4. On 13 May 1950, a second Philippine Army unit was sent to patrol in the vicinity of Mt. Balabac where air strikes had also been made against a reported HMB camp. Traces of a recent evacuation of the area were found and the remaining shelters were destroyed. No contact was made with HMB forces.

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